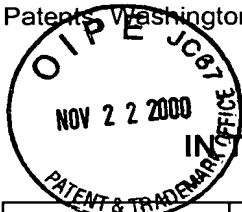


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### PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated May 25, 2000.

An Amendment After Final Under Rule 116 is filed concurrently herewith.

A check in the amount of \$890.00 is enclosed, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to **Deposit Account No.: 50-1529.**

Respectfully submitted,

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